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Chairwoman Lucille Roybal-Allard
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
Committee on Appropriations
2006 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Chuck Fleischmann
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Dear Chairwoman Roybal-Allard and Ranking Member Fleischmann:

As you begin work on the Homeland Security appropriations bill for fiscal year 2023, I respectfully urge the subcommittee to provide funding to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection that will allow it to regain operational control and secure the southern border. This funding is especially critical as the end of Title 42 next month is expected to cause a surge in illegal migration beyond the already historic levels seen in 2021. To that end, I ask that you include robust funding for the below programs which seek to secure our southern border, maintain national security, and support our agents on the ground:

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection Operations and Support for the hiring of additional Border Patrol Agents and Border Patrol Processing Coordinators.
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection Procurement, Construction, and Improvements for physical barrier construction and border security technologies.
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection Air and Marine Operations Procurement, Construction, and Improvements.

The sharp increase in illegal immigrants crossing the border has reached a crisis point. Last year Border Patrol encountered more than 2 million illegal immigrants at the border. Encounters in the first two months of 2022 up more than 78% compared to the same time last year. Providing strong and sustained funding for each of these programs is critical to addressing the crisis on our southern border. Thank you for your consideration of this request to provide the funding necessary to address the influx of illegal immigration and secure our border.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress